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January 10, 2007

Lon Thomas  
Star Stone Quarries, Inc  
4040 South 300 West  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84107

RE: Conditional Partial Release of a Mining Permit, Star Stone Quarries, Inc.,  
Cotton Thomas Quarry, M0030024, Task ID # 1465, Box Elder, Utah

Dear Mr. Thomas:

On July 17, 2006, the Division received your request to inspect certain portions of the Cotton Thomas Quarry. This included a portion of the original access road, the camp area, the West Granite Pit, the East Granite Pit and the South Granite Pit. During a site inspection on August 8, 2006, these areas were inspected to determine if the reclamation success standards were met.

Results of that inspection found that reclamation success standards were achieved on the East Granite, the South Granite and the West Granite pits. You are conditionally released from further reclamation responsibility at these areas upon submission of a new permit area map. The BLM has concurred with the release of these areas. Since mineral and/or surface ownership of these areas is administered by the BLM, their concurrence was necessary. Should you desire to resume operations in these areas, you will need to submit a revision to your Cotton Thomas permit receive Division approval and provide adequate reclamation surety.

The Camp area cannot be released at this time. Further investigation found that this area is also a soil borrow area for reclamation. Until another suitable borrow area is found (or excess soil from other permitted areas is salvaged), this area must remain a part of the Cotton Thomas permit.

The reclaimed portion of the original access road did not meet reclamation standards and cannot be release at this time. About 1/4 of the road did meet standards, but the remaining portion was infested with thistle and cheatgrass. Desirable vegetation was sparse. During the inspection it was discussed to chemically treat the thistle and cheat grass to control these weedy species and to do supplemental seeding this fall.



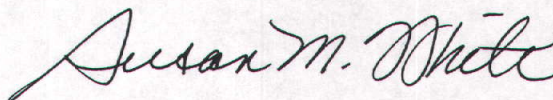
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Please provide a permit area map that can be inserted into the Notice of Intention for the Cotton Thomas Quarry that identifies that the three quarries areas are no longer part of your Cotton Thomas permit.

Future release requests should include a demonstration that the vegetation requirement has been met. A qualified biologist should prepare this demonstration as required by the Mined Land Reclamation Act.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please don't hesitate to call me at (801) 538-5258 or Lynn Kunzler at 538-5310.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan M. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Susan" being more prominent than the last name "White".

Susan M. White  
Mining Program Coordinator  
Minerals Regulatory Program

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cc: Mike Ford, BLM  
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